

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Freddie “Max” Crotser.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Freddie “Max” Crotser; and

WHEREAS, Max Crotser was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from The University of Illinois and enjoying a brief minor league baseball career, Max Crotser began his illustrious newspaper career in 1964 with the Gannett Company in Danville, Illinois and subsequently held advertising management positions in Binghamton, New York; Rochester, New York; and Marion, Indiana for Gannett through 1984; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as President and General Manager of the *Suburban Journal's* West County Publications in St. Louis from 1984 through April of 1989; he then served the *Quincy (IL) Herald-Whig* as Publisher through January of 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crotser became Publisher of *The Daily Times* in February of 1994, and until taking a much deserved retirement in August of 2010, he remained faithful to his chosen mission of keeping the good people of Blount County adequately and accurately informed; and

WHEREAS, Max Crotser was an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous civic organizations; he served as a member of the Board of Directors of Blount County United Way, the Blount County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Pellissippi State Foundation Board, the Blount County Education Foundation Board, and the Maryville College Community Campaign in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Max Crotser was the proud father of Charles William Crotser, the devoted grandfather of Max William Crotser, Bobby Lord, and Brianna Allen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crotser leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Freddie “Max” Crotser, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Crotser.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.